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### NEW CLOUD COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR



Cynthia Weber is the new administrator at Cloud County Health Department as of March 27. Weber has been employed at the health department since August 2004 as family planning/immunization coordinator. Cynthia is excited about being in the role of administrator and anticipates a bright future for public health and home health in Cloud County. Goals are to bring new and current staff together to offer more services and become more visible to the community. Weber has strong family ties in Cloud County. Her children are the fourth generation to graduate from Concordia High School. Weber's great-grandfather was a lawyer in Concordia and state senator.

Prior to coming to Cloud County Health Department, Weber had various nursing roles. Her 25 year nursing career began as a nurse aide at St. Joseph Hospital (now Cloud County Health Center), and a LPN in long-term care. After receiving her RN license, Weber worked in internal medicine/pediatrics, director of nursing at Nazareth Convent and Academy in Concordia, and worked at Meadowlark Hospice.

Weber and her husband Garry live on a dairy farm west of Jamestown with their three children (Trenton, Ashley, and Brooke) and granddaughter Rylee.



### **NEW ADMINISTRATOR/HEALTH OFFICER FOR CITY-COWLEY COUNTY**

The City-Cowley County Health Department is pleased to announce that David Brazil has accepted the administrator/health officer position effective May 15. David is coming to the health department after serving seven years as the planning and zoning director, public health sanitarian, and transfer station manager for Marion County. David's experience has primarily been in Environmental Health. He has a bachelor's degree in biology from Southwestern College.

### **NEW KDHE TB NURSE CONSULTANT**

Virginia (Ginny) Dowell, RN is the new TB Nurse Consultant for KDHE effective April 3. Dowell graduated from the University of Kansas with a bachelor's degree in nursing in May 1976. During the first half of her career she worked in small rural hospitals: in labor and delivery, nursery, med-surg, oncology, surgery, and organized child birth classes.



In 1991 Dowell and her husband moved to Saipan, an island in the Pacific about 100 miles north of Guam, with their three sons. Her husband worked for the government and she taught nursing in a community college. During this time, Ginny and her family were exposed to multiple cultures, languages, and life styles.

Dowell was previously employed as a public health nurse at the Franklin and Johnson County Health Departments. In 2000 Ginny became the Tuberculosis-Refugee Nurse for Johnson County Health Department in Olathe. Dowell's knowledge and experience working with TB clients is a great asset to the TB program. You may contact Ginny at 785-296-0739 or [vdowell@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:vdowell@kdhe.state.ks.us)

### **NEW PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

Sedgwick County Health Department is pleased to announce that Janice McCoy has accepted the position of public health emergency management/MMRS coordinator. Her responsibilities include co-ordinating the Metropolitan Medical Response System, Public Health Emergency Management for Sedgwick County, participation in the South Central Metro Region of health departments, and current pandemic flu planning. She is filling a position vacated by Gloria Vermie on January 1. McCoy began her role May 8. She was the health director of Cowley County. She also has public health experience with KDHE in the Tobacco Prevention program. In addition, McCoy also did public health research and has



an MPH from Wichita State University.

### **IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY PROJECT UPDATES**

WELCOME TO

**Kansas WebIZ**



- Staff continues to test the interface with QS in the training incidence of the system.

- Thus far the information exchange between KSWebIZ and QS is successful and functional. Integration testing continues.

■ Staff continues to work with Medicaid to design a generic interface that will facilitate the import of Medicaid data batches to KSWebIZ. This rich and extensive source of data originates from claims information that has been processed by Medicaid. Its presence in the system will be of tremendous value to all end users, since it will significantly increase the overall population in the registry, and will provide a source of historical immunization data to providers beginning use of KsWebIZ.

- Staff continues to work with the WIC program. WIC is in the process of updating the KWIC software and developing the interface with KSWebIZ. Once accomplished, KWIC end users will be able to access KSWebIZ, the primary immunization data source that is more complete and up-to-date than the immunization information that is maintained in KWIC.

- Staff continues working with health plans and managed care organizations to develop an interface that will facilitate the exchange of their client immunization data. This mutually beneficial process will serve both parties by capturing additional data in the registry while providing health plans with access to immunization records on their clients that are more complete.
- Staff is currently designing a KSWebIZ webpage that will be a source of information, not only to all end users, but also to individuals who are not yet enrolled on the system.

Registry staff is also available by phone or email should you have questions about KSWebIZ status:

Contact	Nichole Lambrecht	Mike Parsons	Deb Warren
Phone	785-296-1440	785-296-3975	785-296-8119
Cell	785-925-1080	785-207-0358	785-207-1391
Email	<a href="mailto:nlambrecht@kdhe.state.ks.us">nlambrecht@kdhe.state.ks.us</a>	<a href="mailto:mparsons@kdhe.state.ks.us">mparsons@kdhe.state.ks.us</a>	<a href="mailto:dwarren@kdhe.state.ks.us">dwarren@kdhe.state.ks.us</a>
Contact	Sue Bowden		
Phone	785-261-1425		
Cell	785-608-5004		
Email	<a href="mailto:sbowden@kdhe.state.ks.us">sbowden@kdhe.state.ks.us</a>		

### FOOD SAFETY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION WEB SITE LAUNCHED



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Bureau of Consumer Health, is responsible for licensing and inspecting approximately 10,300 food service establishments statewide. These food service establishments include restaurants, school meal sites and kitchens, senior meal sites and kitchens, special events, caterers, and mobile food units are regulated under the Kansas Food Code. The Kansas Food Code is adopted from the FDA Model Code and is based on nationally recognized scientific standards for food safety. It is intended to minimize the hazards that can lead to foodborne illness or injury, thus ensuring safe

food and optimal levels of sanitation in food service establishments. This food safety inspection service meets a core public health function for dining consumers.

The Web site is updated weekly with inspection results. Inspections are unannounced and only represent the conditions found in the food service establishment at the time of the inspection. Inspections concentrate on critical food safety processes/procedures and sanitation essential to the control or elimination of food safety risks to the public. Violations noted at the time of the inspection are corrected if possible. Re-inspections occur if corrections are not achieved during the initial inspection.

There are two categories of violations: critical and non-critical. Critical violations are items that are more likely to contribute to a foodborne illness, food contamination or environmental health hazard. Examples of critical violations may include: food from unsafe or unapproved sources, inadequate cooking temperatures, improper holding temperatures, and poor personal hygiene. Non-critical violations include items relating to general sanitation and best retail practices. Examples of non-critical violations may include: dirty floors, inadequate lighting in food preparation or storage areas, and lack of effective hair restraints.

Looking at a series of inspections over time gives a more accurate picture of the food service establishment's commitment to food safety and sanitation. Food safety interventions, consultations, and educational tools are employed to promote increased food safety within the establishment. In the end, food safety is an ongoing cooperative effort that involves the management of the establishment, food workers, regulators and consumers.

There are several reasons that an inspection may be initiated. To learn more about the types of inspections conducted in food service establishments go to [www.ksfoodsafety.org](http://www.ksfoodsafety.org).

Important things to remember when viewing inspections:

- Inspections are unannounced
- Inspections represent a snapshot in time
- Violations are required to be corrected at the time of the inspection
- Food safety education and interventions are tools to increase food safety controls
- Food safety is a cooperative effort



## EXPLORING ACCREDITATION FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS



On August 1, 2005, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) announced formal efforts to explore development of a voluntary accreditation system for state and local public health agencies. This national collaborative Steering Committee will make definitive recommendations regarding how a voluntary, national accreditation system should be structured, and whether it is feasible and desirable to implement such a system.

The Steering Committee comprises public health practice groups viewed as key stakeholders in this issue. A Planning Committee consisting of the executives from NACCHO, ASTHO, the American Public Health Association (APHA), and the National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) are coordinating the efforts of the Steering Committee.

It is anticipated that the Steering Committee will issue its recommendations in September 2006. The committee's deliberations will be informed by a series of workgroups that will examine issues associated with establishing an accreditation system.

For additional information and resource materials go to the Websites listed below:

<http://www.exploringaccreditation.org/>

<http://www.naccho.org/topics/infrastructure/exploringaccreditation.cfm>

<http://www.naccho.org/topics/operationaldefinition.cfm>

[http://www.naccho.org/topics/infrastructure/OperationalDefinition\\_publication.cfm](http://www.naccho.org/topics/infrastructure/OperationalDefinition_publication.cfm)

## PUBLIC HEALTH CLIENT ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS

*by Pete Kitch*



Several years ago I gave a presentation on PHClinic to a group of health departments in Washington. Afterwards, a gentleman approached me and asked if I realized how close we were to an electronic medical record. He gave me his card and said he was coming to Wichita to audit a large provider practice and wanted to know if he could stop by our offices and talk about electronic health records. We had an interesting conversation and he offered some advice. Last week I realized we now have all the components in PHClinic necessary to meet the definition of a public health client electronic medical record.

Two recent developments have propelled us rapidly towards that objective. First, working primarily with leading health departments in Washington state we have developed full support for the Omaha System, a structured methodology for nursing documentation. We initially became interested in the Omaha System as a means of documenting client outcomes since it has a solid method for evaluating beginning and ending client status from a statistical basis through its use of a three dimensional rating system. However, we recognized its power for nursing assessments, care plan development, problem identification and intervention selection and execution. It also supports the collection of nursing notes at any level in the architecture (encounter/visit, problem, or intervention).

Second, through a generous grant from the Sunflower Foundation to four south central Kansas health departments and funding support from health department partners in other states, we have developed a powerful architecture within PHClinic for capturing and analyzing relevant client specific clinical data sets. We have started with 14 data sets ranging from medical histories to risk factor assessments addressing prenatal care where five types of data elements are involved. Each individual health department can select which forms they wish to utilize in their program, as well as specify the specific data elements within each form they collect.

It's been quite awhile since my conversation with the medical practice consultant and thought it would take a lot longer to get to a full medical record architecture, but we now have the necessary architecture components in place! We believe this opens the door to new, more comprehensive PHClinic support for local public health departments in Kansas and are excited about the impact a public health electronic medical record system could have in the future.



## SEDGWICK COUNTY CELEBRATED NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

On the Wednesday, May 3, the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners signed a proclamation for National Public Health week and 76,000 households in Wichita received a special newspaper insert highlighting a new partnership between the Sedgwick County Zoo and the Health Department to encourage healthy eating and active communities.



On May 8, the beginning of National Public Health Week, the Sedgwick County Health Department kicked-off a new partnership with the Sedgwick County Zoo (Kansas's most popular outdoor family attraction) to promote physical activity and healthy places to walk. Making Tracks is a walking program at the zoo with incentives given for every 10 miles recorded. The first 300 to sign up for the walking program received free water bottle holder and the first 200 to reach 10

miles will receive a pedometer. Health and Wellness Coalition of Wichita member Jessica Stuhlsatz from the YMCA, County Commission Chairman Ben Sciortino, and avid zoo walker Hugh Harding, Health Department Director Claudia Blackburn, and Assistant Zoo Director Jim Marlett all spoke and helped lead a first mile walk. Since the event, Making Tracks participation has tripled.

The health department celebrated National Public Health Week with an open house and health fair on Friday, May 12. Much of the Health Department had been remodeled and this was a chance to show off new spaces for Health Promotion, the Children's Dental Clinic, TB Clinic and WIC.



## REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

**Central Region:** Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department, 209 W 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hutchinson 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

July 26      Sept. 27      Nov. 21

**North Central Region:** Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 for meeting locations. Dates are:

June 27      Aug. 22      Oct. 24      Dec. 19

**Northeast Region:** Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Flint Hills Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Topeka, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 if you have any questions. Dates are:

June 8      Sept. 14      Dec. 14

**Northwest Region:** Meetings are held 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center, Oakley. Contact Georgette Schoenfeld, RN, at Logan County Health Department for a lunch reservation at 785-672-4502. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

June 8      Aug. 10      Oct. 12      Dec. 7

**Southeast Region:** Meetings are held 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Southeast District Office, 1500 W 7<sup>th</sup>, Meadowlark Room, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Aug. 3      Nov. 9

**Southwest Region:** Meetings are held 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Finney County Administration Building, 311 N 9<sup>th</sup>, Garden City. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

July 14      Sept. 15      Nov. 17

## JOB OPENINGS

### Public Health Emergency Planner



The Johnson County Public Health Department is seeking a full-time emergency planner. The public health emergency planner will assure response and support capability to county emergencies/disasters by developing written response procedures, protocols and plans for health department operational and functional response. Will support the Public Health Emergency Program grant by completing required tasks/objectives and will assist as needed in disease surveillance in Johnson County to improve detection of and response to public health emergencies and other county-wide events.

Requires a bachelor's degree in biology, nursing, general science, environmental science, epidemiology, emergency management, emergency planning or other related fields. Master's degree in public health, emergency planning or a related field is preferred. Requires two years of experience with communicable disease investigation, knowledge of epidemiology or emergency planning and three years of public health experience is preferred. Requires a criminal history check and a valid driver's license. Education may be substituted for experience and experience may be substituted for education. Apply online at <http://hr.jocogov.org>; fax (913) 715-1419; or mail to: Johnson County Human Resources; 111 S. Cherry, Suite 2600; Olathe, KS 66061. EOE

### CHN II - TB Nurse



Sedgwick County Health Department is searching for a CHN II – TB nurse to provided services for clients with active tuberculosis and their close contacts. Assists with the coordination activities in the program while giving direct service to clients, including Directly Observed Therapy (DOT), monitors treatment plans, collects specimens, provides skin testing. Continues the established operations of the program following Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) guidelines. Initiates contact investigation and reports as directed to KDHE. Evaluates those persons referred to the clinic because of a positive tuberculin reaction without active disease and advises of options.

Essential job functions:

- Assist with the coordination activities of the TB Control Program of Sedgwick County.
- Assist with coordination of the TB Control Program with KDHE.
- Assist with the coordination of TB Control Program with area hospitals, physicians and community agencies

Candidate must have:

- Nursing degree from a four-year college or graduation from an accredited school of nursing
- Previous Tuberculosis Control experience with two years of experience in community/public health if graduated from a four-year nursing program or three years experience if graduated from an accredited school of nursing
- Current Kansas nursing license and license must be maintained
- Maintain CPR certification
- Valid Kansas driver's license
- Maintain Level I audiometric testing certificate

Salary based on years of experience. **For more information** or to **submit your resume** contact the Sedgwick County Health Department, 1900 E. Ninth, Wichita, 67214, or call 316-660-7333 or Fax: 316-262-1980



## KS-TRAIN TIPS

**KS-TRAIN TIP: Please update your KS-TRAIN account!** Click "My Account" in the "My Learning Record" **blue** file folder on the right hand side of the home page. Update information as indicated. Click the "Save" button. To change your Login name the KS-TRAIN Administrator will need to be contacted at [dnickels@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:dnickels@kdhe.state.ks.us)



**KS-TRAIN TIP: Withdraw from a Live or Online course:**

- On the KS-TRAIN homepage
- Click "My Learning" in the **blue** file folder on the right hand side of the homepage
- Click the "M" to the right of the course you plan to withdraw from
- Then click "Withdraw"

**KS-TRAIN TIP: Update your Learning Record to verify that you have received your IS 700 NIMS Certificate:**

- Log into KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>
- On the Homepage, Click "My Learning" in the blue file folder on the homepage,
- Click "M" to the right of the course title,
- Follow the prompts to verify the course is completed. OR
- Email [dnickels@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:dnickels@kdhe.state.ks.us) to verify your training record for you

**Live Events Posted on KS-TRAIN – <http://ks.train.org>**

(Not all courses/dates/sessions that are posted on KS-TRAIN are listed below)

- [JVS: Bridging the Gap Interpreter Training](#), starting June 5, Manhattan
- [JVS: Cultural Competence for a Changing World](#), June 13, 2006, Salina
- [WMD: Emergency Medical Operations and Training](#), June 20-22, Garden City
- [Home Visitation Training](#), Starting July 17, Oakley
- [HIV Prevention and Behavior Change Counseling Strategies](#), July 18-20, Topeka
- [KLETC: Instructor Development – Learning Event](#), July 24, Hutchinson
- [WMD Computer Aided Management of Emergency Operations – Learning Event \(CAMEO\)](#), July 1-3, Topeka

**National Courses Available through KS-TRAIN: [Practicing Cross-Cultural Communication: The Bamboo Dragon](#):** The New York-New Jersey Public Health Training Center is pleased to announce a new module in its online "Communicate to Make a Difference" training series. This interactive case study, "Practicing Cross-Cultural Communication: The Bamboo Dragon," illustrates the impact that cultural differences and communication problems can have when a newly hired sanitarian conducts a health inspection of a Chinese restaurant. This, the third module in the series, follows "Hepatitis A Outbreak," which focuses on the communication skills needed to address a disease outbreak in a Mexican-American community. Both modules build on the competencies introduced in the initial module, "Exploring Cultural Communication." All three modules, developed by the University at Albany (SUNY) School of Public Health are available, free-of-charge.

In the past year, more than 900 public health professionals have successfully completed the three-hour, introductory module. Nearly all (92 percent) have said that the course was of high quality (45 percent strongly agree, 47 percent agree), and 88 percent have said that it would help them perform their jobs more efficiently (39 percent strongly agree, 49 percent agree).

The New York-New Jersey Public Health Training Center is a partnership comprised of the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Public Health, and the University at Albany School of Public Health. The Center is funded by grant #5 D20 00016 from the Health Resources and Services Administration, DHHS, Public Health Training Centers Program.

[Agroterrorism Awareness Program](#) from the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center Terrorism Response and Preparedness, University of Kentucky College of Public Health is posted on TRAIN. This course is ODP approved. They have collaborated with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) and the UK College of Agriculture to create two free computer-based courses on agroterrorism awareness. The courses illustrate the potential for terrorist attacks on crops, livestock, and the U.S. food supply.

The agroterrorism course is available on CD-ROM to provide extra bandwidth for interactive features. Students will learn from videos, animation, and interactive exercises. Quizzes and course examinations test student's comprehension of the topics. Certification allows graduates to demonstrate their proficiency.

The course includes five modules:

1. Introduction to Agroterrorism
2. Natural and Intentional Events
3. Crops
4. Livestock
5. Prevention and Preparedness.

## CONFERENCES

### Speaking a Common Language: The New Voice of Public Health



The 2006 KPHA Fall Conference will focus on creating a common language for public health in communities and in the workforce. There will be approximately 20 breakout sessions to give the opportunity to learn about all the activities within public health working together to produce the same message throughout all of the health networks in Kansas.

Keynote speaker will be Patricia (Pat) Mail, MPH, PhD, CHES APHA President. Mail had a long and distinguished career with the U.S. Public Health Service, serving at the National Institutes of Health; the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration; the Health Services and Resources Administration; the

office of the Surgeon General; and the Indian Health Service. Her work focused on prevention of alcohol abuse, coordination of services for HIV/AIDS, manpower placement in underserved areas and the provision of services to American Indian populations. She received 22 honor and service awards during her career, including the USPHS Surgeon General's Medallion and the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal.

Every year at the statewide public health conference, KPHA honors individuals and organizations for meritorious service in the field of public health and environment. Any member may submit nominations for these awards. Unless specifically stated, awards are restricted to KPHA members. Members can send in their nominations to the KPHA Awards Committee. That group reviews nominations and presents its recommendations to the board of directors for its approval. KPHA's awards are as follows:

**Samuel J. Crumbine Medal** – This award is registered with the Library of Congress. The "Crumbine" is given for meritorious service related to the improvement of the health of Kansans and/or the environment of the state. Recipients of other KPHA awards may also receive this one. A \$2000 scholarship is given!

**Special Services Award** – This is given to an individual who has rendered outstanding service to Kansas in the interest of public health and/or environmental improvement. May be presented to a non-member of KPHA.

**Dorothy Woodin Award** – This award is given for outstanding public health nursing service.

**Virginia Lockhart Health Education Award** - Recognizes excellence in public health promotion of health and/or environmental issues.

**Corporate Public Health Service Award** – This award is given to a business or organization that, through public policy activities, makes a significant contribution to the mission of public health and/or environmental improvement in Kansas.

**Jane Addams Award** – This is given to a social worker that exemplifies the qualities of Jane Addams, including a pioneering spirit, trailblazer, and striving to improve the health of the poor and the sanitary conditions of communities.

Members wishing to submit nominations in any category should complete the form found on our Website [www.kpha.us/content/awards.htm](http://www.kpha.us/content/awards.htm) and return it to KPHA Attn: Awards Committee, 215 SE 8th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66603.



### **Caring Conversations Workshop Planned**

The Center for Practical Bioethics in Kansas City, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas Department on Aging and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are teaming up to present "Caring Conversations" Consultation and Workshop on Advance Care Planning on June 27-28.

CDC recently awarded a grant to the Center for Practical Bioethics to work with state health departments to provide information to supervisors regarding Advance Care Planning. This one and a half day session for supervisors will focus on the **Caring Conversations** program which encourages families to discuss their wishes regarding end of life decision making. Participants will be provided with the benefits of having family discussions surrounding end of life care. Other topics will include significant legislation related to advance care planning and barriers to completing directives, how to differentiate between and among the types of directives, ways to develop competency in conducting training for staff, help identifying effective facilitator techniques, and helpful resources.

The training is free and will be located at the Kansas Health Institute conference room in Topeka (downstairs) beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday June 27. The training continues beginning at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, June 28 and should conclude by 3:30 p.m. Please contact Janet Neff, Cancer Prevention and Control Program, 785-296-5868 with questions or to register. Attendance is limited to 35 participants.

### **International Symposium on Usher Syndrome and Related Disorders**



Colleagues interested in combined hearing and vision loss are invited to Omaha, Nebraska, on October 4-6 to attend a symposium on Usher Syndrome and related disorders. This conference is designed to facilitate the exchange of ideas between clinical researchers and basic scientists to improve our understanding of the normal and pathologic processes that are involved in combined hearing and vision loss disorders. This is the first symposium of what will be a continuing sequence of meetings on the subject.

The symposium will involve keynote presentations by leaders in the field, free oral papers, and poster sessions. Oral presentations will be cast live over the Internet and will be available as published material to scientists, clinicians, and the public. Boys Town National Research Hospital Omaha and Sahlgrenska University Hospital in Gothenburg, Sweden are sponsoring this symposium. For additional information including agenda, registration, lodging and travel [www.sahlgrenska.se/vgrtemplates/Page\\_38539.aspx#](http://www.sahlgrenska.se/vgrtemplates/Page_38539.aspx#)

### **Kansas Home Visitor Training Program**

On May 24-26, May 31 and June 1-2 the Johnson County Health Department will be holding Kansas Home Visitor Training. The trainings will be held at the Johnson County Health Department Sunset Office Building, 11811 S Sunset, Conference Room 1070, Olathe. This training targets Healthy Start Home Visitors, Parents As Teachers, Head Start, Early Head Start, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), and Kansas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies.

Trainers for this program include:

Robyn Wright, Prairie Band of Potawatomi  
Pat Olson, SRS  
Jacqueline Thirlkel, SRS  
Jacqueline Coggins

Registration and payment of \$40 per person needs to be sent to Pat Olson, SRS, 1100 Broadway, Marysville 66508. If you have any questions you may contact Pat at 785-562-5338 or [mpeo@srskansas.org](mailto:mpeo@srskansas.org).

## TRAININGS/WORKSHOPS

### Medical Interpreter Training

Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants. The projected outcomes are to train qualified bilingual individuals in medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to medical and social service providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients.

#### NC Kansas - Manhattan

June 5 – 9                8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Riley County Health Department  
2030 Tecumseh Road  
Manhattan

#### SC Kansas – Wichita

June 26-30  
Location to be announced

For more information on Medical Interpreter Training or to register, contact Cathy Anderson at JVS, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108, or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail [canders@jvskc.org](mailto:canders@jvskc.org).

### Cultural Competency Training



Cultural competency training will provide participants an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include: Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships. Participants do not have to be bilingual to take this 16-hour training.

#### SC Kansas

May 10 – 11        8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
University of Kansas School of Medicine -  
Wichita  
1010 N. Kansas, Santa Fe Room 1306  
Wichita

#### NC Kansas

June 13 –14        8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Catholic Charities  
425 W. Iron, Board Room  
Salina

For more information or to register, please contact Cathy Anderson at JVS, 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 124, or e-mail [canders@jvskc.org](mailto:canders@jvskc.org).

### Billing Workshops

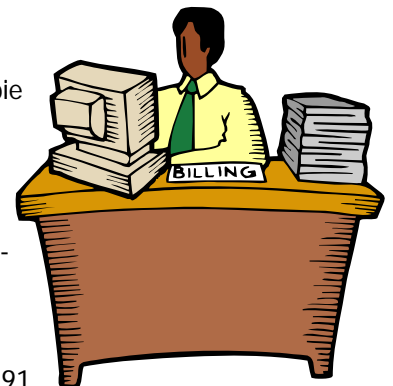
**NE Billing Group** meets at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Flint Hills Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Topeka, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information, contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110. Upcoming dates:  
Aug. 3                Nov. 2

**Billing Biddies** meets 9 a.m. – noon. For more information, contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Upcoming dates:  
June 7                Sept. 6                Dec. 6

**Billers Anonymous** meets 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. For more information, contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Upcoming dates:  
Aug. 9                Nov. 8

**Mission Impossible Group** meets 9 a.m. – noon, Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson. For more information, contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639. Upcoming dates:  
Aug. 24                Nov. 21

**KUG's** For more information, contact Michelle Miller 620-675-8191  
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**Billers-R-Us** meets at the district office in Chanute, Meadowlark Room, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information, contact Jon Anderson at 920-431-2390. Upcoming dates:

July 11      Oct. 10

### GENERAL WORKSHOPS

The Kansas State Board of Nursing lists continuing education of interest to the public health workforce: [www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm](http://www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm)



**Kansas Division of Emergency Management:** [www.accesskansas.org/kdem/training](http://www.accesskansas.org/kdem/training)



**KAN Be Healthy RN** orientation and training: [www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training](http://www.washburn.edu/ce/kbh/training)



### Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts

To view a complete list of satellite downlinks and Webcasts go to the PHTN Web site at [www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp) or call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at 785-296-3641 for assistance.

### Pandemic Flu Web Site

The official U.S. government Web site for information on pandemic flu and avian influenza: [www.pandemicflu.gov/](http://www.pandemicflu.gov/)

### Public Health Emergency Training

The University of Minnesota's "Public Health Emergency Training," is a series of awareness-level online modules covering various topics related to emergency preparedness, including:

- Disease Surveillance and Investigation
- Contact Investigation
- Isolation and Quarantine
- Special Populations
- Disaster Mental Health
- Personal Protective Equipment (coming soon)
- Decontamination (coming soon)

See the link to this course under "announcements" on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>

**Terrorism and Other Public Health Emergencies: A Reference Guide for the Media.** Presented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Sept. 2005 [www.hhs.gov/emergency/mediaguide/PDF/](http://www.hhs.gov/emergency/mediaguide/PDF/)

### Area Health Education Centers



Look for AHEC's Web page at <http://kuahec.kumc.edu> or trainings at [www.kdhe.state.ks.us](http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us) under the "Additional PH Training Calendar"

**NW Kansas** – Register or call 785-628-6128

**SW Kansas** – Register or call 620-275-0259

**SE Kansas** – Register or call 620-235-4040

### To Order Tapes/CDs:

**Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:** <http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm>

**CDC BT programs:** [www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp)

**Disaster Site Worker Outreach Training Program, OSHA:**  
[www.osha.gov/fso/ote/training/disaster/disaster.html](http://www.osha.gov/fso/ote/training/disaster/disaster.html)

**Risk Communication Courses:** [www.jhsph.edu/preparedness/training/online/riskcomm.html](http://www.jhsph.edu/preparedness/training/online/riskcomm.html) or in Spanish [www.cepis.ops-oms.org/tutorial6/index.html](http://www.cepis.ops-oms.org/tutorial6/index.html)

### Nursing Education

**Ft. Hays Nursing:** [www.fhsu.edu/nursing](http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing)

**KU Nursing:** KU has an online RN to BSN completion program:  
[www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn\\_to\\_bsn.htm](http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.htm)

**Wichita State University:** online RN to BSN: [www.webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp\\_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/](http://www.webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp_nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/)

**Washburn PHN Certification Program:** [www.washburn.edu/sonu](http://www.washburn.edu/sonu) or e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at:  
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**ANA's Web site:** [www.RNCE.org](http://www.RNCE.org)

### Other Continuing Education Online

**The WALD CENTER:** [www.waldcenter.org](http://www.waldcenter.org)

**The Public Health Training Network:** [www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp)

**KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:** <http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgi-bin/calweb/calweb.cgi>

**Training Finder:** Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings  
[www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx](http://www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx)

**The MMWR Continuing Education Program:** [www.cdc.gov/mmwr](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr)

**MPH Kansas:** <http://mph.kumc.edu>

**National Library of Medicine:** [www.nlm.nih.gov](http://www.nlm.nih.gov)

**CDC BT Training:** [www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp)

**The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Center:** [www.uic.edu/sph/prepare](http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare)

**Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness:** [www.heartlandcenters.slu.edu/hc\\_preparedness.htm](http://www.heartlandcenters.slu.edu/hc_preparedness.htm)

**Centers for Public Health Preparedness:** [www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.asp)

**Public Health Training Centers:** <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm>

**Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:** [www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp)

### Public Health Workforce Competencies

**Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:**  
[www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institutes-centers/chphsr/btcomps.pdf](http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institutes-centers/chphsr/btcomps.pdf)

**Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice:** [www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm](http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm)

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